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MADE A GOOD BARGAIN. How a Californian Prospector Got a Big Price for a Mine.

'It is the easiest thing on earth to sell a mine in London for almost any Middleton price, provided you have anything to show an expert," said Maj. Frank Me-Laughlin to a San Francisco Post reporter. "There is also a right way and a wrong way to go about it. Some time ago I went to Loudon to negotiate the sale of some mining property. Of course the first thing I had to do was to let capital know what I was there for. Then, when inquiries commenced, I simply said: 'Gentlemen, I have mining property to sell. If you mean business and want to buy send your expert out to examine the property and make a report on it. You will know then what you are buying.'

"A company was organized. An ex-pert examined the property and re-ported favorably and a meeting was held to discuss terms.

"Now, major, said the spokesman, we have found that the property may be worth something. What is your "Two hundred and fifty thousand,

said I. "That is more than we expected to We expected to pay about two nundred. There is not much difference between two hundred and two hundred and fifty. If you will drop the fifty we will take it.

"I had expected to get about a hundred thousand dollars for the property. so with a show of reluctance I agreed to accept their offer. When the papers were made out I was surprised to learn that they had been talking about pounds and I about dollars, out I was very careful not to let my surprise leak out, and that is the way I got a million dollars for the mine. Great people to do business with "

QUEER THINGS IN TEXAS. Sun, Woor, and Air Act Strangely 'o North vn Eyes.

There are some queer things down here, writes a Texas correspondent of the Fulton Democrat. For instance, the best wood you can get will burn out while you are mixing the dough for your bisanits. There has not been a night in three months when one needed any covering. All gloves, shoes and other leathern articles will soon mildew and be rulaed if neglected. One cannot keep bread and cake in tin boxes, as they will thus spoil in a day. It is the washerwoman's paradise, owing to the fine bleaching qualities of Texan artesian water velopes stick together in the most exasperating fashion in spite of every precaution. A daily bath is not a luxury, but a necessity; one living here can understand why the ancient Pompelians spent so much time in their the corps of much travel, and its light-baths. The sun's heat is like a blast ness, even with the reel of wire and infrom a hot furnace; it will blister the minute; and yet one can walk, work or drive in this sunshine with impunity from danger of sunstroke, and with far less discomfort than in the summer sunshine of the north. One may take a severe cold, and in a day it is gone. day. One may get his feet wet, or may be thoroughly drenched in a rain, with out evil effects except to his clothing.

JERSEY CITY'S CHARON.

Ferries You Over "The Gap," and, Like the Styr Boatman, Gets Voil Obolus First. The shortest of all ferries, and one the ordinary New Yorker only stumbles across through some untoward circuin-stance, is that at "The Gap," between Communipaw and Jersey City, says the New York Herald.

Go to Communipaw and then ask some one how to get to Jersey City, and ferry. But if your informant be a trainman, particularly a Lehigh Valley man, he will tell you to risk your life by crossing the tracks of a great railroad system, walking two hundred yards B C. and finding the shortest of ferries.

There you will find a great wide rowbost, a solemn visaged man and about fifty yards of unbridged water. The is two cents. He of the solemn visage collects it before he leaves the Communipaw side. He does not row: he sculls and propels the boat with a single oar from the stern. Sometimes he

earns thirty cents on one passage. He is a great admirer of the Pennsylvania ratiroud as an upright and admirable corporation. Some time ago it was proposed to bridge the gap. The Pennsylvania objected. But for that were Charon's occupation gone.

So now he swears by the Pennsyl vania and at the Lehigh Valley, for the employes of the last named failroad have a ferry of their own.

FROZEN MILK TRADE. A New Industry Interesting to American Farmers.

new industry has been established their wives and dependent children. there which promises to prove both justifiable and serviceable, and which might be followed with equal success on this side of the water. A year ago, says the Portsmouth Transcript, a Danish merchant took Danish milk, which is peculiarly delicate and rich in flavor, freezing it by the use of ice and salt, and sent in barrels by rail and steamer to London. On its arrival the milk proved to be as sweet and well tasting as if it had been just drawn from a cow in the middle of Sweden. The milk was so much in demand and proved so profitable that the exporter immediately took out a patent on the shipment of frozen milk from Sweden and Denmark to London. He then sold the patent to a stock company, which on February 1 last bought one of the largest Swedish creameries, converted it into a factory, and, having put in a | day? special freezing apparatus, began on May I the export of frozen milk in large quantities.
When the milk is received from the

farmers it is Pasteurized-that is, heated to seventy-five degrees C., and then immediately cooled off to about ten degrees C., and now the freezing is commenced. Half the milk

is filled into cans and placed in a freezing apparatus, where it will be thoroughly frozen in the course of three hours. The frozen milk is then filled into barrels of pine, the only kind of wood that can be used. The barrels, however, are only half filled with the frozen milk, the remainder being filled with the unfrozen milk. This way of packing has proved to be the only practical one, as part of the milk has to be frozen in order to keep the whole cool, and part has to be in a flowing state in order to get the barrels exactly full, which is necessary in order to avoid too much shaking up on the road, by which the cream would be turned into butter; the floating masses of ice at the same time prevent the unfrozen milk in settling the cream. Milk which is treated in this way has proved to keep fresh for twenty-six days. Every barrel holds one thousand pounds of milk, and twice a week there are shipped fifty barrels, making in all about one hundred thousand pounds of

CYCLES FOR SIGNAL SERVICE. Recent Experiments Likely to Add to the

milk a week.

Value of the Corps. The army signal officers have equipped the service with an ingenious arrangement for distributing telegraph and telephone wires. It was found that in throwing insulated or naked wires on the ground preparatory to establishing communicating stations the weight of the reel containing the wire was considerable, and it had to be carried in some sirt of a handcart. The arrangement required two men in the operation-one to push the cart, the other to wind and unwind the wire. The latest method is to carry the wire on a reel which is fixed to a bicycle. The rider, by his propulsion of the wheel, distributes the wire in the track of the machine. An ingenious mechanism roso permits him to rapidly gather up the wire from the ground, and it is recled on a spool borne in

front of the handle bar. This use of the bicycle is a great saving of labor and time, and will be of great value on the battlefield, when the rapid construction of communicating lines is of great importance. In front of the saddle this signal corps bicycle will support a case of instruments and tools, in addition to the usual leather pocket in which the bleyele implements are carried. Supported over the rear wheel of the machine, and directly behind the saddle; is the case which contains the telegraphic and telephonic instruments. This can be removed and and Texan sunshine. Stamps and en- a communicating station established

anywhere along the line. This bicycle has been tried with much success in Texas, and it will be adopted generally by the signal linesmen. The bicycle will probably relieve ness, even with the reel of wire and in- One of the Residences in Georgetown and strument cases, readily permits its be-

Prohistorie Egyptian Glants. ancient temple of Isls on the banks of Diffard, he opened a row of tombs in had been buried. The smallest skelewas no record that even hinted that they were in the memory of men of ex-traordinary size. It is believed that the tombs date back to the year 1048

A Delicate Dish.

The Berlin Echo has discovered that among the Chinese the "milhi" is priced as the most delicious dsh. It consists of new-born mice, still blind. They are dipped in oil, and then connoisseurs swallow them very slowly. At the marriage feast of the present emperor of China not less than five thousand of these sleek bon-bons glistened or the festive board.

Bikes and Pianes.

Bicycles are said to have seriously affected the sale of pianos in lingland. The reason given is that when a girl is asked to choose between the two for a present she invariably selects the

THE Southern rallroad has issued a ircular directing that employes who have been in its service for a period of one year or more shall be given leave Canada's representative in Denmark of absence and passes to Atlanta, to reports that during the past year a attend the exposition, for themselves,

"Did you see any whales while crossing the Atlantic?" said the stay-at-home girl to the traveled damsel.

"No-that is, yes. I saw a whale by proxy, I mean. "How on earth could you see a whale

by proxy?" "It was this way: I had seen twentythree sharks, by actual count, but not a single whale. There was a nice young man abourd who had seen two whales. He suggested that I trade off ten of my sharks for one of his whales which I did. That left me with tairteen sharks and one whale. That's how I saw a whale by proxy."—Judge.

Parishioner-Do you think there is any valid objection to fishing on Sun-

Pastor-I do. A man who goes fish-

ing on Sunday often finds it very difficult to tell the truth on Monday .-Truth. Microbes, But No Flies, There may be microbes in a kiss, This makes but little perturbation. For lovers say, both man and miss,
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TREE WITH A HANGING RECORD. Furnished the Gallows for Ten Men in a Week.

"Down in our town we have an old tree that has quite a history," said-John F. Hale, of Seymour, Ind., to a Chicago Inter Ocean man recently. "At" least it used to be a tree, but the relichunters have so disfigured it that it can scarcely lay claim to that name now. It was of the birch variety, and has a history that is equaled by but few other trees in the world. Upon its spreading limbs dangled the forms of ten men in less than a week. That tree aided in its feeble way in wiping out one of the worst gangs of law-breakers that section has ever had. The tree is only a short distance from the city, and the place to this day bears the name of

Hangman's Cross Roads." "This tree became famous early in the '60s, when the country round about Seymour was infested with a gang of bold highwaymen, who did not hesitate to murder a man to obtain his money if necessary. The first murder was that of a man by the name of Woodmansee in the old Rader hotel. He had some twenty-seven hundred ollars on his person. His body was carried from the hotel, and an effort made to wash away all trace of the struggle between the flesh and the soul, crime. The murderer of this man was or between the spirit and the sensesnever convicted.

committed with the object of robbery. At last this grew too commonplace and the gang sought bigger game. night late in the fall of 1867 the Ohio & Mississippi express was bourded at Seymour and held up and robbed out about five miles. It is estimated that at least four hundred thousand dollars were taken. All evidence tended to prove that the robbers, was committed by what was afterward known as the 'Reno gang,' who lived at Seymour and operated all the way from Omalia to inclunati. The gang consisted of ten persons. The express train robbery was too much for the better element of Seymour and a vigilance committee was organized, and one night in July, 1808, this company, all masked, took Roseberry, Clifton and Elliott, three of the Reno gang, from custody and hanged them to this birch tree. On the following Monday Gerald, Sparks and Moore, three more, were treated in a similar manner on this same tree. The following Tuesday this vigilance committee visited the jall at New Albany, where four more of the 'Reno gang' were confined, and by morning Frank Rend Simeon Reno and a man by the name of Anderson were dangling from the same old beech tree. This wiped out the 'Reno gang.' That old tree is a landmark at Seymour, and it has been badly disfigured by relic hunters.

A NOTED OLD HOUSE.

Something About its History. store walls, hedges and fallen trees. which from its foundation had a for-It will enable the operators to work eign influence about it. It is a large, with speed, both in laying and gather-ing the lines of Wire. The reel will ston, minus for windows, turrets and carry insulated as well as naked wire, other accessories which mark the modalthough experiments with the latter orn-dwelling. It stands at the corner The severest fevers usually vanish in a have proved that it is also of much of Twenty-ninth and N streets. It was planned, says the Washington Star, by the owner, a man of fine attainments, literary tastes and a great linguist. He In 1881, when Prof. Timmerman was | held office under the government, and, engaged in exploring the ruins of an not having a surplus of the needful." was compelled to mortgage the house. the Nile, sixteen miles below Najar | The money was loaned from the estate of the celebrated Polish patriot, Gen." which some prehistoric race of giants | Thaddens Kosciusko, by Col. George Bomford, the owner at that time of

beautiful Kalorsung The owner did not live long to enjoy was excavating at Najar Djfard his comfortable home, and his widow measured seven feet and eight inches was compelled to rent it in order to pay in length and the largest eleven feet off the mortgage. The first foreign the chances are that you will be told to return to New York and take another discovered in great numbers, but there father was count Montholon, whose parte. His wife was Victoria, daughter of Gen. Gratiot. The count was a charming man, and most agreeable in all his business dealings with her, whom

he termed his "amiable landlady." The minister from Mexico was the next foreign tenant, but he died short-

ly after taking the house. Baron Gerolt lived eight years in the ouse, and was so pleased with it that he made a proposition to purchase it. Chevalier de Potestad, of the Spanish egation, whose wife was the beautiful Miss Chapman, granddaughter of the celebrated Dr. Chapman, of Philadelphia, was a tenant during the war, and when there was a scare here on account of the southern troops being near the capital promised to hoist the Spanish

flag should the place be invaded. The house did not lack for distinguished American tenants. R. Barnwell Rhett, of South Carolina, a noted ecessionist, succeeded Count Montholon, and purchased from him his elegant Parisian furniture; Mr. Allen, an editor from St. Louis; Gov. Fulton, senator from Arkansas; Col. Charles Ellet, the great engineer; Mr. Worthington, a gentleman of wealth, whose daughter married Col. William H. Turning her round, the delighted Philips, a lawyer of note in Washington, and others:

inere are some people, who, to their own minds at least, attain complete mastery over a new subject in such a short time as to awaken surprise, if not admiration, in the breasts of all beholdfore," said one young man to another, referring to an acquaintance who was chance of meeting a girl on the bont. being initiated into the mysteries of chess by an elderly gentleman. "No, never tried my hand at it till this minute," returned Brown, promptly. "See how long it will be before he'll tell his teacher how to play," said the first speaker, and then there was a silence between the two lookers-on as they watched the progress of the game. "Well, now, do you know," said Brown, with loud cheerfulness a little fater. addressing his elderly teacher, "I shouldn't consider that the best move to make; you see-" The two young men, who were looking on from the other side of the room, exchanged a glance, and looked at their watches; exactly twenty minutes had clapsed since the beginning of the game!-Youth's

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NORDAU'S ERRORS

Lombroso Tells Where the Author of "De-

Even though starting from a new and just position, Nordau has gone astray: Convinced of the scope of the new paychiatric weapon which he had in his hands, he has so far overshot the mark as to impair the effect of his purpose. More alienist than the alienists, he no sooner finds a neurotic or maddish author than he thinks his work itself can be demolished. Thus, after having demonstrated by a very subtle analysis that in Wagner the philosophic ideas concerning life are contradictory or archaic-such as the idea of the he concludes that Wagner was there-"Several murders followed, always fore crazy, and not a genius. Likewise, because of Toistoi's mysticism, or his destructive ideas on love and science. he deems Tolatel insane and his books

nonsense. But probably all geniuses have the eccentricities, and even the delirious ideas, which he notices in Tolstoi, Wagner and Ibsen. The last chapter of Goethe's "Wilhelm Meister" is more incomprehensible and extravagant than the ideas of Tolstoi; while Balzac's scientific opinions, and his innumerable fluids, would find mates in the literature of insane asylums. To demonstrate that geniuses are insane is not difficult, because, as I and others before me have shown, genius is a form of degenerative neurosis. Certainly Poictevin, Mallarme and Gall are degenerates and even mattoids. Tolstoi, Wagner and Swinburne may be mad or egenerate, but in addition to the qualitles just named, and which belong to the ordinary insane, they have genius; this is what Nordau has too frequently forgotten. Degeneration, for one who follows my theories, instead of destroying, fortifles the diagnosis which proves them to be geniuses; and enlarges its range; because only the medioere have not muddish forms, for the very reason that they lack fecund originality, which is the basis of genius.

The man of genius is the man who does better than his contemporaries. and in a different way; he is therefore an abnormal being, an exception. He is different from his environment, he is not completely sane as to his intellect, he has many physipsychological blemishes, he is afflicted either by the delirium of persecution, or by megalo-mania, or by religious delirium, more often by psychic epilepsy.

Cesare Lombrosd, III Century.

What She Would Do. "I ain gwine to bave him arrested no moh, I sin'. It done cos' me fob dellahs n' sixty cents de las' time tri pay his ine when I done had him took up an ' len fuhgub him an' foh dollahs an' sixty ats am a lot o' money when yuz got to airn it hangin' ovah a washtub diss yah meltin' weathah. Massa, I ain' goin' to hab him arrested no moh, not of he jes comes home bilin' drunk an p ev'ry stick an' rag in de Pze been a-livin' wid dat man seven yeahs now, an' I've done had him arrested mo'n fohty times an' den gone like a ljit an' pald he's fine de nex' mawnin'. I'm done along o'all sech foolishness, I am. Jes' let him ome home one moh night drunk an' a raisin' cain an' a-smashin' up de fur-nichor' wat I paid foh an' he won't do it agin, you bet on it: What'll I do? What'll I do tu seeh a man as dat? I know what I'll do, I duz. I'll jest nachally wait twell he gits done a-smashin' an' a tearin' things an' goes tar sleep on diss yeah bed an' I'll jest melt some lead ovah dat kitchen fiah, an' when it's melted hot I'll po'h it in is year jess de same as if he was a chicken er a rabbit. Dat's what I'll do, you all heah me." And she looked as if she meant it .- Chicago Chronicle.

Witty and Clever. When Prof. Aytoun was wooing Miss Wilson, the daughter of "Christopher North," editor of Blackwood's Magazine, he obtained the lady's consent conditionally on that of her father being gained. This Aytoun was too shy to ask, and he prevailed upon the young lady to ask for it herself. "We must deal tenderly with his feelings, said hearty old Christopher; "I'll write my reply on a slip of paper and pin it on your back." "Papa's answer is on the back of my dress," said Miss Jane, as she entered the drawing-room suitor read these words? "With the

author's compliments." Marriages on Shipboard.

So many engagements are made on board ship, and so many happy marriages result from them that a captain of one of the largest Atlantic liners ers of their mental activity. "Ask states that men who, for some reason Brown if he ever played that game be- or other, are unable to secure wives at home, take a trip over to America on a head balancer.

IN SPAIN'S CAPITAL.

Madrid Is Not a tireat Place, But It Has

The city of Madrid is one of the minor capitals of Europe architecturally, and the environment provided by nature for such monditients as it possesses is none of the best, says Harper's Magazine. The surrounding landscape is monotonous and bare. The few parks are pretty in themselves and the famous promenade, known as the Prado, is broad and pretentious; but these attractions are insufficient to counterbalance the shabbiness of dusty, ill-kep: streets and dwellings in a dull, nonde script style. Life in Madrid is rendered diverting upon occasions of public re-joicing by the presence of the court, otherwise it is the same as in other large modern cities, like New York or London, only not so bright. The bullring alone may claim to be better managed in Madrid than anywhere else. This and the bill game called pelota which was brought recently from the Basque provinces, are the only important national spectacles, old and p. turesque institutions, which survive in

the center of Spanish political life. There is little in Madrid itself, then which makes it a temptation to wander from the highways of European travel: Very few of the buildings and collections, aside from the great museum, are worthy of a capital city. The most that can be said for the royal palace, an enormous building designed by a Piedmontese architect, Sacchetti, is that it has more simplicity than was usual in the late renaissance period from which it dates, and that under one of the ravaging skies of which Spain is prodigal in spring and summer it has a regal dignity which is impressive, if the purely artistic features

of the scheme are not. Of the armory attached to the palace it is possible to speak more cordially. It contains a fine collection of antique mail and weapons, finer, I think, than either of those at Turin and Paris. It has the virtue, moreover, uncommon in Spain, of being very well arranged. The academy of San Ferdinand has some good pictures by Murillo, and by a much later man, Goya, who is always interesting; and in the square before the royal palace there is an equestrian bronze of Philip IV., by the Florentine Tacca, which is in a measure comparable with the statues of Verrocchio and

Donatello STAYED A MOB'S VENGEANCE.

How a Professor in a Military School Cooled the Hot-Headed Students In the winter of 1860-61 the majority of the Students at the Virginia military institute were secessionists, while the people of the town were almost unanimously for the union. One day, says the San Francisco Argonaut, two of the students came back to the institute much worsted in a fight with the villagers, and the whole school resolved on vengeance. Seizing their guns a large number of the boys started toward the town. On their way they had to pass Prof. Jackson's house and he came out just in time to inter-cept them. Jackson stepped on a horse block in front of the house, and just as the foremost of the students came abreast of him he called out in his most commanding tone: "Halt! front face!" Almost instinctively they obeyed, and after waiting for the stragglers to come up he said in his mildest tone: "Well, young gentlemen. where are you going?" One of the men explained in a very excited way that two of the "boys" had been maltreated by the tillagers, and they were deter-mined on revenge. "Well," said the professor, "that may all be very well, but whom have you for a leader? You can't go on an expedition without a leader." They had not thought of that, they said. "Well, suppose I lead you?" said Prof. Jackson. Nothing would suit them better. "All right," said the professor, "but before we start we must get a little better organization." To that end he marched and countermarched them, wheeled them up and down the road, and, in short, carried them through all the evolutions necessary for his purpose, which was to cool them off. That being achorse block, and, having lectured them, he wound up by advising them to go back to school and be good boys. And this they did, after giving three cheers for Prof. Jackson.

Victoria's Crown Not Often Worn. The fact that Victoria has only worn her crown sixteen times is not surprising when it is known that the royal diadem weighs a few pounds less than a barrel of flour. There is really no reason why a royal head should be transformed into a pedestal, and Queen Victoria proves that alle possesses some good, hard democratic sense by refusing to pose as a royal heavyweight

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